ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An image data creating method and apparatus capable
of preventing quality degradation of the image created
by combining a plurality of image portions sharing a
5   common region. The light reflected at the linear region
on the original upon the irradiation of light from the
linear light source is detected by the linear detecting
means with the original being moved in the sub-scanning
Y direction with respect to two linear sensors having
10 a plurality of light receiving sections disposed
linearly in the main scanning X direction such that light·
receiving sections located on the end portions of the
respective linear sensors detect light emitted from the
same position on the original in duplicate, and the image
15 data detected either of the light receiving sections
located on the end portions of the respective linear
sensors are adopted as the image data representing the
position on the original.